

Dear Cllr Stewart,

This letter is being delivered to you on behalf of the undersigned supporters of Extinction Rebellion Isle of Wight.

Extinction Rebellion is a decentralised campaign movement that aims to put climate change at the top of the political agenda.

Extinction refers to the gravity of the threat faced globally. Biologists frequently hypothesize that we are experiencing the 'sixth great extinction' episode<sup>i</sup>. Additionally, despite certain international agreements we are currently on course for a 3 - 5 Celsius rise in global temperatures by 2100<sup>ii</sup>, a scenario widely acknowledged to be catastrophic for future generations.

There is a wealth of easily discoverable information available on the causes and consequences of climate change to bolster the above paragraph.

As leader of the council, we rely on you to deal with this matter on a purely factual basis and not be distracted by any misinformation that has gone before. Based upon the facts we kindly request that you give serious consideration to the following requests and to urgently dedicate officer time to consideration of the following three points:

1. By the end of 2019 the Isle of Wight Council publishes an environmental strategy that explicitly references the IPCC's October 2018 report<sup>iii</sup> and resolves by cabinet decision to acknowledge the carbon emission parameters therein.
2. Committing for the Isle of Wight council's operations to be carbon neutral by 2030 and incorporating the target of cutting island-wide emissions by 45% by 2030 and a net-zero carbon island by 2050 into its subsequent revisions of the core plan and corporate plan.
3. The council therefore resolves to inform central government of its intent and contacts the Chancellor of the Exchequer to request the resources required to achieve the aims stated above.

Finally, we kindly request a feedback from your office within two months – by 12<sup>th</sup> March – indicating how the above action points can be addressed. To [XRIW.info@gmail.com](mailto:XRIW.info@gmail.com)

Many thanks for your consideration of this request and we remain available as required, contactable as above.

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<sup>i</sup> Barnosky AD et al. Has the Earth's sixth mass extinction already arrived? Nature. 2011; VOL 471: 51-57

<sup>ii</sup> U.N. World Meteorological Organization: 29 November 2018

<sup>iii</sup> The Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 °C (SR15) published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on 8 October 2018.